



July 4th will be one giant birthday party

This year's gala schedule of July Fourth activities is being combined with our celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Panorama Village as an incorporated city. "Happy 50th Birthday Panorama Village" is the theme for all competitions. It will be a multi-day event you won't want to miss.

On Monday, July 4th, the **swimming pool** will be open all day, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and there is no charge for swimming pool admission. **Water slides and bouncy castles** will be set up in the main parking lot starting at 10:00 am.

A Kona shaved ice truck will be in the parking lot all day, and a **mini-train** will run continuously up and down Hiwon for the little ones.

The traditional Panorama **Dessert Bake-off** returns in the Clubhouse, with registration and entry submissions from 8:30 am to 9:15 am. Judging starts at 9:30 am. Complete rules and judging criteria are available at City Hall or at the Clubhouse entrance table.



Melinda Muller, the granddaughter of Mary Ann and Harry Hedges, was the first Little Miss Panorama in the late 60s.

The **Little Miss and Mr Panorama contest** begins with registration at 9:00 am and the pageant starting at 9:30 am. Two categories are planned, one for 3 and 4 year olds, and one for 5 and 6 year olds. Children should dress in patriotic attire and acknowledge the Happy 50th Birthday theme. The winners will be asked to ride in the parade afterwards.

Fourth of July Parade entrants should gather in front of City Hall at 10:30 and the parade will begin at 11:00.

Decorate your car, truck, golf cart or whatever and come join the fun. Awards will be presented in front of the clubhouse at the conclusion of the parade.

The Panorama Lions will be serving **Hot Dogs** in the Pavillion from noon to 3:00 pm. The Panorama Golf Club will be serving **BBQ Dinners** from the clubhouse from 4:00 to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$21.95 and you must make reservations by calling 936-228-0243. **Funnel Cakes** will be sold from a stand in front of the clubhouse for \$6 from noon to 6:00 pm.

Our evening entertainment will be the popular **Houston band Chase The Night**. They will play a variety of classic rock and country music from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

At dusk, our **spectacular 30-minute fireworks display** will be visible from the driving range. Be sure to bring the entire family with your folding chairs, blankets and golf carts to enjoy the show!

Panorama Village celebrates fifty years as a city



A special Fiftieth Anniversary Party is being planned for Saturday, July 2 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the clubhouse.

The party will be open to all Panorama residents and friends.

A special selection of **commemorative gift items** will be sold inside the clubhouse, including t-shirts, coffee mugs, insulated water bottles and tote bags. All of these will feature the Fiftieth Anniversary Panorama logo. We will also have a special surprise for the little ones.

Refreshments will be served and long-time residents will share reminiscences of life in Panorama Village during the

early days. A soundtrack is being prepared with popular songs from 1972. Mayor Scott will present a video from the Governor of Texas congratulating Panorama Village on reaching its 50-year milestone.

At 7:00 pm Bob Lamons will present his **History of Panorama Village** powerpoint which will last approximately one hour.



Tom Kelliher was the first mayor of Panorama Village in 1972.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

To support the 50th birthday of Panorama Village as a city, this article will look back at memories of the early days. So many of the people who were part of that history have passed or moved away nearer to family, however the stories live on. We thank those people who helped develop Panorama into the city it is today and also thank Bob Lamons who took on the project of compiling as much history as he could and presenting it to our residents several times.

It is amazing how the dreams of Jim Hamilton came to be Panorama Village and the Panorama Golf Club. Jim decided not to sell housing lots until 18 holes were finished in the fall of 1965. It was public in the beginning but later became private when he sold the golf course and clubhouse to the membership in 1969 and it was renamed Panorama Country Club.

For 35 years, the membership total varied and at least one time exceeded 500 members. The club was run by a Board of Directors with officers taking jobs as head of golf and head of the clubhouse. The Ladies Locker Room was smaller than it is now and was doubled in size when the Mens Locker Room was built. That area is now the Pro Shop addition.

Originally the Pro Shop was a porta-

ble building located where the Pavilion is now. There was also a staff for the clubhouse that took care of Food & Beverage. At one time there was a waiter who knew the names and club numbers of all the members making it very easy to go through a buffet line!

There was a time when you came to evening dinner in the lower dining room and men were required to wear jackets. There were many activities and parties where the ladies wore fancy clothes. One large event was the ParTee which was a weekend tournament that was first class. Guests were invited from all over for golf, dinners and parties.

Later when membership numbers fell, the City of Panorama purchased the Country Club and Clubhouse in 2005. After several years of changing management companies the golf club is now managed by Sterling Golf. They have done a wonderful job of bringing the golf course back to the best shape it has ever been.

When Donna and Steve Kakavas discovered Panorama in 1991, they read about the golfing community in newsletters around the area and investigated. They liked the course and saw no businesses, and liked the price. They never looked back -- Steve played every day and Donna went on to join the Panora-



Susie Martensen, Max Martensen

ma Womens Golf Association and was the Historian for many years.

Marianne and Bill Bergfield and Donis Miller came about the same time in 1991 and enjoyed the Mixed Couples Tournaments. A favorite was the Mr. and Mrs. Panorama Tournament and the Him and Her Tournament. Donis remembers participating in "Sing Alongs" around the clubhouse piano. Donis' daughter, Mary Lynn and husband John, came to Panorama in 1979 and were later joined by Jo Miller, Donis' other daughter.

Max and Susie Martensen moved to Panorama in 1972. They were young and not golfers, but loved Panorama and ended up driving to Houston for 30 years for work. When they retired they became very active in the Lions Club and other activities. There is something for everyone so come find your spot and join the fun. Come celebrate Panorama's fiftieth birthday on July 2!!

Yard of the Month

Susan Myers
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Garden Club creates home for butterflies

Members of the Panorama Garden Club recently joined with a dozen members of a Woodlands Girl Scout troop to create a Butterfly/Pollinators Garden at Schroeder Park. The Garden Club also attended a Master Gardener presentation at the Montgomery County Garden and Education Center on the subject of "Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardens."